The next morning...
Nnnn...
ABSOLUTELY NOT! I HAVE MY ORDERS.
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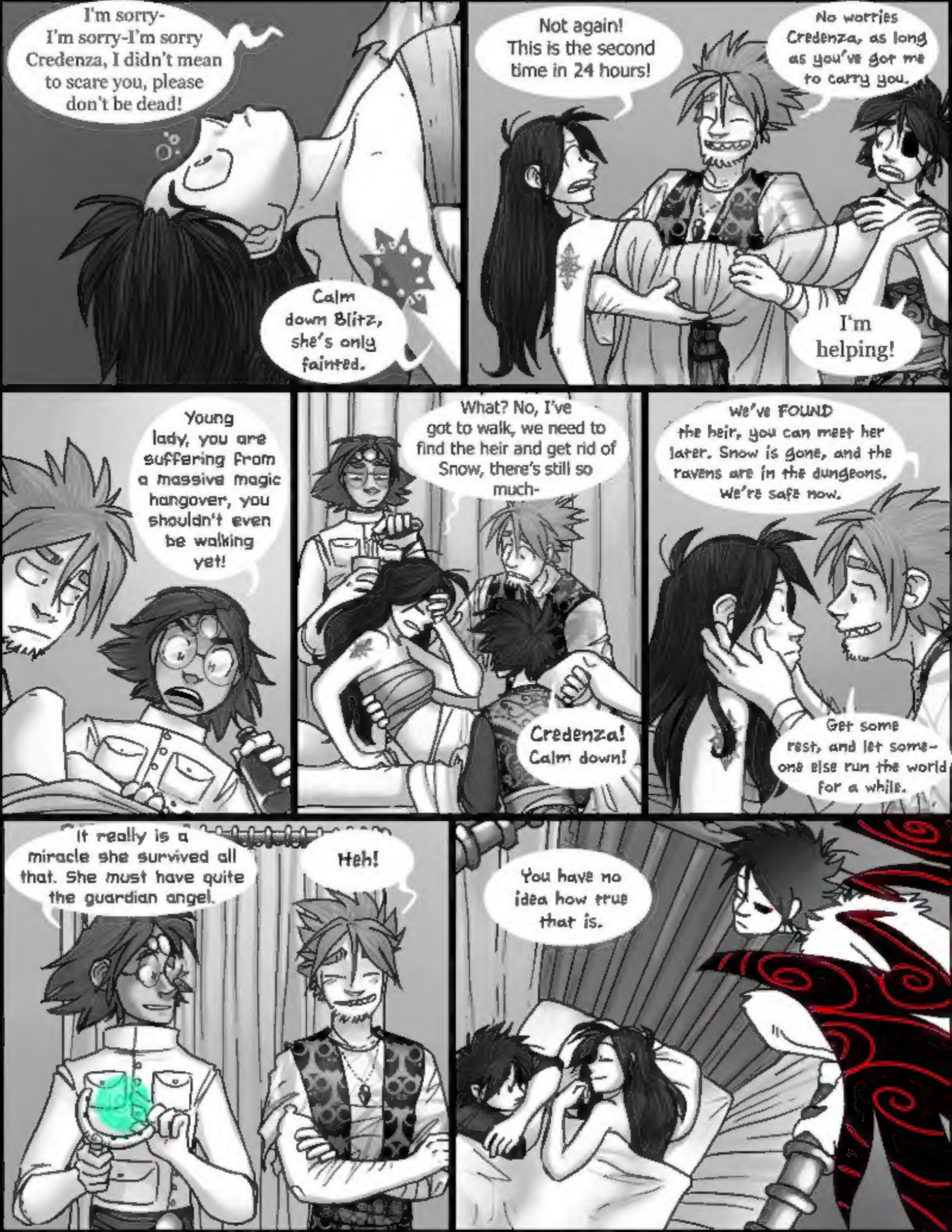
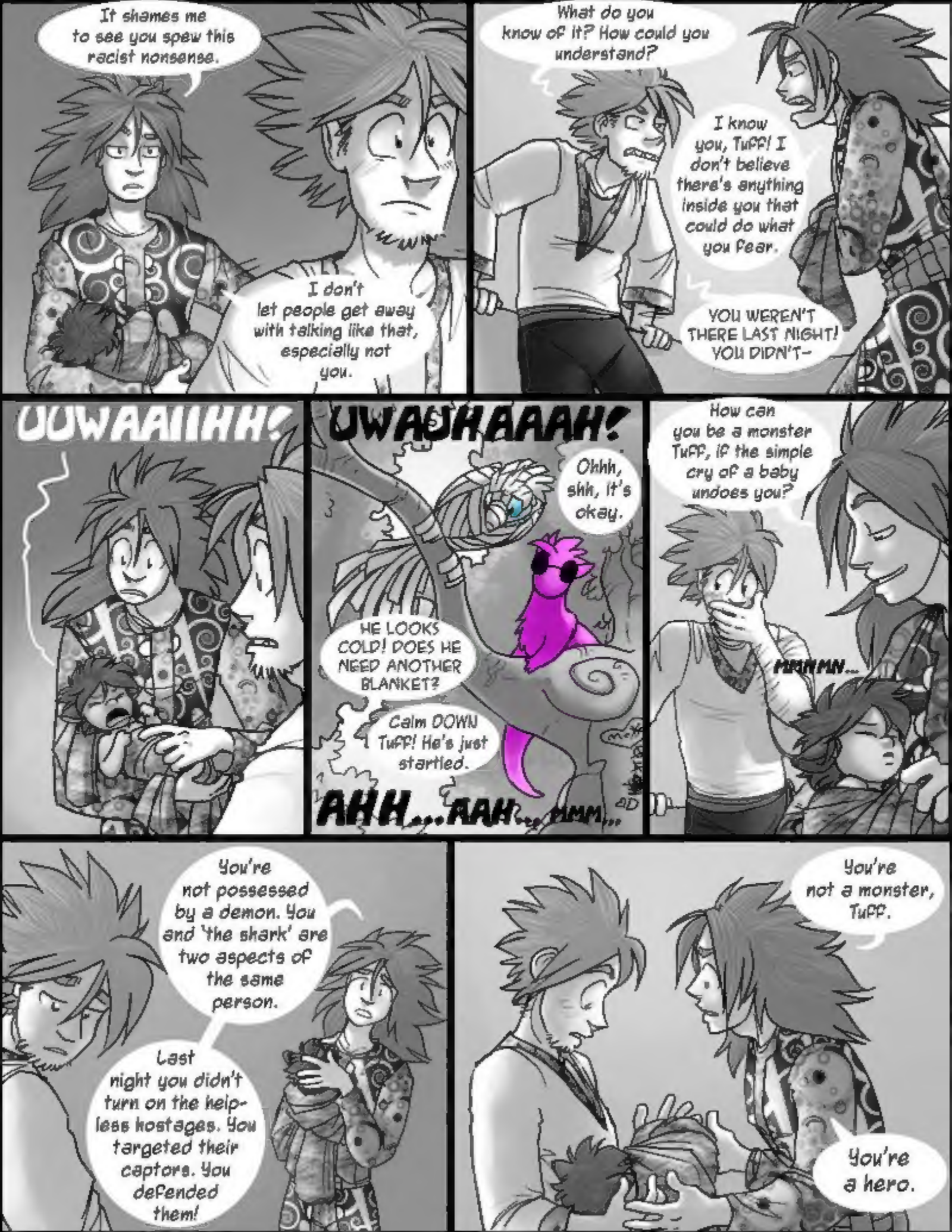
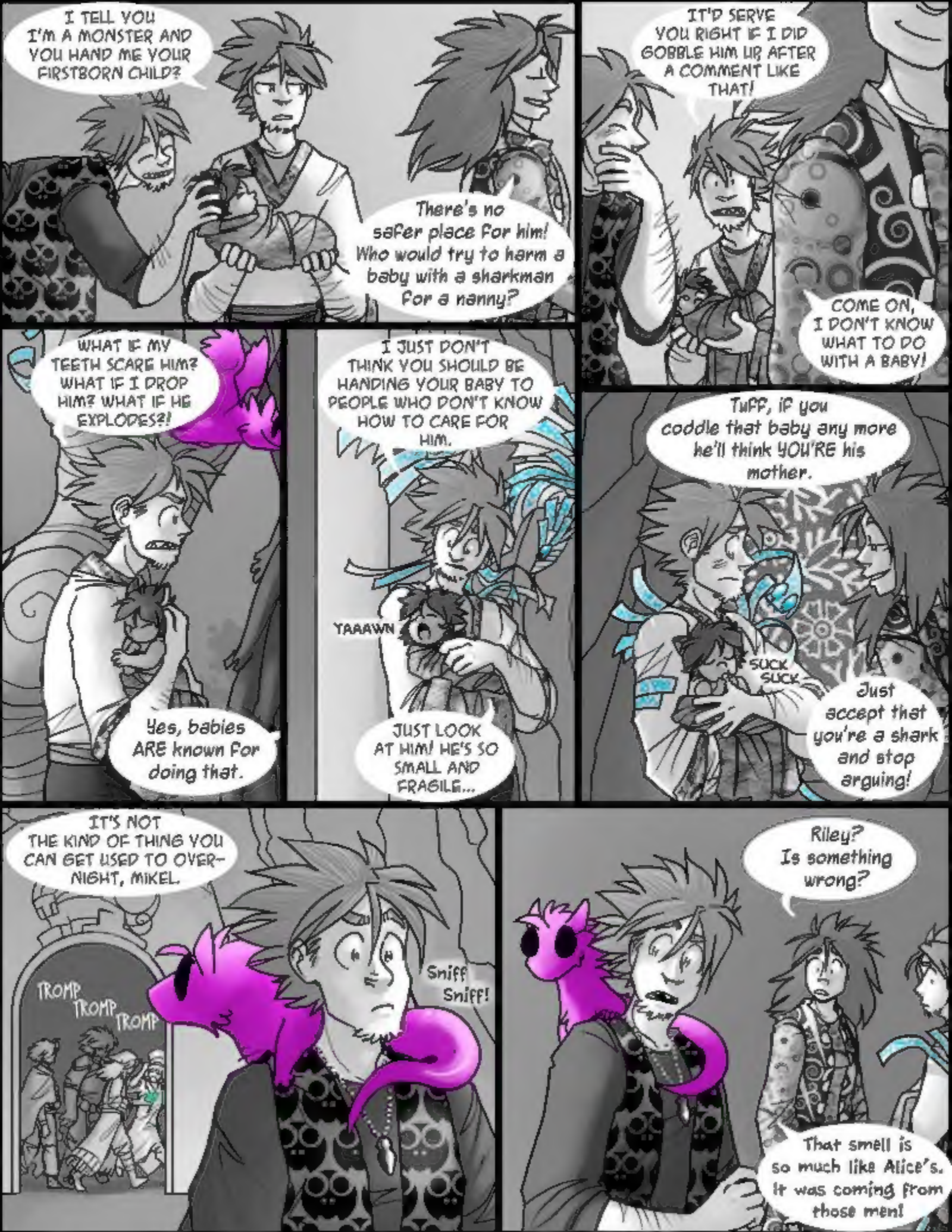
NO, NOT EVEN NOBLES, MY LADY. YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.
AWWWW...
What's going-
SORRY MA'AM. I KNOW YOU MEAN WELL, BUT ONLY FAMILY AND CLOSE FRIENDS ARE ALLOWED PAST ME.
It's okay Arashi. I think she earned the king's trust last night.
OF COURSE, MASTER RILEY.
Heh, now I see why there's such a line to get in here.
It makes sense, doesn't it? When there's been so much death...
...it's only natural people would seek out new life.

Owooh, you are a beautiful little prince, aren't you? Yes you are, yeshooere!
Look Deliza! He has my Father's eyes!
Owch! And YOUR Father's grip!
YOU DID WELL, DELIZA. DOES HE HAVE A NAME YET?
DANYIL DOELORNE FANDANGO. A PROUD ROYAL NAME.
THG!
Blitz, come look! You helped save the little guy.
No, no, no. I don't like it here. My head hurts.
It's a baby Blitz, it's a good thing. It won't attack you.
No...
No, no please, no!
Blitz! What's wrong?!
It's just a...
just... ba...y..


I'm sorry-
I'm sorry-I'm sorry
Credenza, I didn't mean to scare you, please don't be dead!
Calm down Blitz, she's only fainted.
Not again! This is the second time in 24 hours!
No worries Credenza, as long as you've got me to carry you.
I'm helping!
Young lady, you are suffering from a massive magic hangover, you shouldn't even be walking yet!
What? No, I've got to walk, we need to find the heir and get rid of Snow, there's still so much-
Credenza! Calm down!
We've FOUND the heir, you can meet her later. Snow is gone, and the ravens are in the dungeons. We're safe now.
Get some rest, and let someone else run the world for a while.
It really is a miracle she survived all that. She must have quite the guardian angel.
Heh!
You have no idea how true that is.

Would you look at that? It's so... so...
Beautiful!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! YOU'RE ENJOYING THIS!
CAN'T YOU TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY FOR ONE MOMENT?! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
Oy! No need to be like that!
RILEY, I'M A MONSTER! I KILLED THOSE PEOPLE LAST NIGHT AS IF I'D BEEN DOING IT ALL MY LIFE! I ENJOYED HUNTING THEM DOWN LIKE ANIMALS!
But they were all bad people.
BUT WHAT IF THAT DOESN'T MATTER WHEN I'M A WERE-SHARK?
WHAT IF THE MONSTER I BECOME DOESN'T SEE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FRIEND AND FOE?
WHAT IF I'M PUTTING EVERYONE I LOVE IN DANGER, JUST BY BEING NEAR THEM?


It shames me to see you spew this racist nonsense.
I don't let people get away with talking like that, especially not you.
What do you know of it? How could you understand?
I know you, Tuff! I don't believe there's anything inside you that could do what you fear.
YOU WEREN'T THERE LAST NIGHT! YOU DIDN'T-
UUWAAIIHH!
UWAUHAAAH!
Ohhh, shh, it's okay.
HE LOOKS COLD! DOES HE NEED ANOTHER BLANKET?
Calm DOWN Tuff! He's just startled.
AHH...AAH...MMM...
How can you be a monster Tuff, if the simple cry of a baby undoes you?
MMMMN...
You're not possessed by a demon. You and 'the shark' are two aspects of the same person.
Last night you didn't turn on the helpless hostages. You targeted their captors. You defended them!
You're not a monster, Tuff.
You're a hero.


I TELL YOU I'M A MONSTER AND YOU HAND ME YOUR FIRSTBORN CHILD?
There's no safer place for him! Who would try to harm a baby with a sharkman for a nanny?
IT'D SERVE YOU RIGHT IF I DID GOBBLE HIM UP AFTER A COMMENT LIKE THAT!
COME ON, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH A BABY!
WHAT IF MY TEETH SCARE HIM? WHAT IF I DROP HIM? WHAT IF HE EXPLODES?!
Yes, babies ARE known for doing that.
I JUST DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD BE HANDING YOUR BABY TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW HOW TO CARE FOR HIM.
YAAAWN
JUST LOOK AT HIM! HE'S SO SMALL AND FRAGILE...
Tuff, if you coddle that baby any more he'll think YOU'RE his mother.
SUCK SUCK
Just accept that you're a shark and stop arguing!
IT'S NOT THE KIND OF THING YOU CAN GET USED TO OVER-NIGHT, MIKEL.
TROMP TROMP TROMP
Sniff Sniff!
Riley? Is something wrong?
That smell is so much like Alice's. It was coming from those men!

WHAT IS IT SAYING? IS SHE HERE? WHY IS THIS TAKING SO LONG?!
DON'T RUSH ME! THIS SPELL IS MEANT FOR FINDING ISLANDS, NOT PEOPLE.
MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE USED A LARGER SAMPLE OF HAIR.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD ALL JUST BE QUIET AND LET ME WORK!
Excuse me?
What seems to be the problem, gentlemen?
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A GIRL NAMED ALICE PINTOUR. WE HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE SHE ENTERED THE CASTLE LAST NIGHT.
Well, in that case I can assure you the girl is perfectly safe, though we aren't allowing visitors for security rea-
IS SHE A PRISONER, THAT WE CANNOT VISIT HER? IF NOT, I SEE NO REASON FOR YOU TO KEEP US FROM HER.
Hey, show respect for your king! Alice is a very important girl to the safety of the Archipelago!
Who do you think you are, barging in and making demands?
HER BROTHERS.

After we left the underworld, we came here looking for you. The book led us to the castle.
IS THAT WHY I FELT SO PULLED TOWARD THE CASTLE? I WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET YOU?
It wouldn't be the weirdest thing I've seen so far. You must think I'm crazy.
A DAY AGO I WOULD HAVE. BUT AFTER WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT, IT MAKES SENSE.
SLAM!
I STARTED IT?! I WASN'T THE ONE SHOVING HIS BIG SHARK NOSE IN MY FACE!
WAIT A SECOND, I KNOW THAT ROAR!
ALICE, THE CASTLE GUARD JUST BROUGHT YOUR BROTHERS HERE.
WHAT? ARE THEY HURT?!
NOT EXACTLY HOW I HOPED YOU TWO WOULD MEET, BUT PRETTY MUCH WHAT I EXPECTED.

I WAS WONDERING WHEN YOU'D SHOW UP TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF.
EXPLAIN MYSELF?! YOU'RE THE ONE PUNCHING PEOPLE LIKE IT'S FREE CHUM DAY AT THE FISH MARKET!
BIG THINGS ARE GOING ON HERE, LIO. THERE'S A PLOT TO KILL THE KING, AND AN EVIL SPIRIT, AND-
AH... ACTUALLY, WE ALREADY KNOW ABOUT ALL THAT.
SAY WHA?
THE WELL-MANNERED SHARKMAN OVER THERE EXPLAINED IT ALL TO US. THE RAVEN, YOU BEING AN HEIR... HE WAS VERY HELPFUL.
HOWEVER, WE'RE MUCH MORE CURIOUS ABOUT THE OTHER SHARKMAN.
The one you've been kissing!
What? We DID!
Why shouldn't I tell them?
I liked it.
LOOK, I'M A FREE WOMAN. I'M ALLOWED TO KISS WHO I LIKE!
FINE, BUT DO YOU HAVE TO GO AFTER A MAN OF THE MOST VIOLENT RACE ON THE ARCHIPELAGO?!
LIO, YOU KNOW I'M A BETTER JUDGE OF CHARACTER THAN THAT.
BESIDES, AFTER 20 YEARS OF BEING YOUR SISTER, I CAN HANDLE ANY-THING SHORT OF A HURRICANE.
SIGH CAN'T ARGUE WITH THAT.

LISTEN ALICE. JUDGING FROM THE ATTACK ON THE CASTLE LAST NIGHT, THE THREAT TO YOU AND THE ARCHIPELAGO IS REAL.
THE QUESTION IS, WHAT PART DO YOU PLAY IN ALL THIS?
YOU SHOULDN'T FEEL THAT YOU'RE OBLIGATED TO DO ANYTHING.
HEIR OR NOT, IT'S YOUR CHOICE WHAT YOU DO IN LIFE. YOU COULD STAY IN QUILLOTIA, WE'D PROTECT YOU!
I KNOW YOU WOULD, LIO. THAT'S ONE REASON I'VE DECIDED I'LL GO WITH CREDENZA AND THE OTHERS. WHAT HAPPENED HERE LAST NIGHT... HOW CAN I LET MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS FACE THAT?
THIS THREAT ISN'T JUST GOING TO GO AWAY. IF WE'RE ALL IN AS MUCH DANGER AS I THINK WE ARE, I'D RATHER BE OUT THERE FIGHTING THE ENEMY THAN SITTING AT HOME, WAITING FOR THE NEXT ATTEMPT TO STEAL MY SOUL. I UNDERSTAND IT WILL BE DANGEROUS. BUT I KNOW THIS IS WHAT I NEED TO DO!
WE COULD COME WITH YOU-
WE BOTH KNOW THAT CAN'T HAPPEN. WHAT POINT IS THERE TO SAVING THE WORLD IF YOU GUYS DON'T KEEP IT RUNNING WHILE I'M GONE?
YOU'RE SUCH A CRUEL SISTER, LEAVING US ALL ALONE TO FEND FOR OUR-SELVES.
HEY, SHARKMAN! HOW ABOUT I BUY YOU A DRINK IN EXCHANGE FOR THIS BLACK EYE?
What? Really?!
SURE. WE NEED TO TALK, IF YOU'RE TO BE MY SISTER'S PROTECTOR.
YOU KNOW WE'LL BEAT THE SHIT OUT OF YOU IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO HER, RIGHT?
If I let anything happen to her, I'd hand you the club.